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# The President's Daily Brief

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## PRINCIPAL DEVELOPMENTS

Moscow's Warsaw Pact allies, except for Romania, are strengthening their cooperation in several respects, partly to offset any unsettling effects of detente policy. *(Page 1)*

Soviet Syria

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The North Vietnamese have built new roadbed segments in Laos in what appear to be part of a 300-mile highway south to the Cambodian border. *(Page 3)*

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# EASTERN EUROPE

Moscow's Warsaw Pact allies--with the conspicuous exception of Romania--are strengthening their cooperation in a number of key areas. These endeavors are being pushed by Moscow. The main reasons are:

--concern over the potentially destabilizing effect of the current detente policy,

--the need to counter Peking's activist policy in Europe, and

--a desire to minimize the impact of Romania's independent behavior.

In an effort to counter the effects of increased contacts with the West, the regimes have concluded a number of "ideological agreements" with each other. No texts have been published but most seem to be umbrella accords committing the parties to a broad interchange of ideological, political, and propaganda activity. Romania's failure to participate suggests that the accords also have an anti-Chinese thrust. The output of anti-Chinese propaganda by most of the regimes has increased recently.

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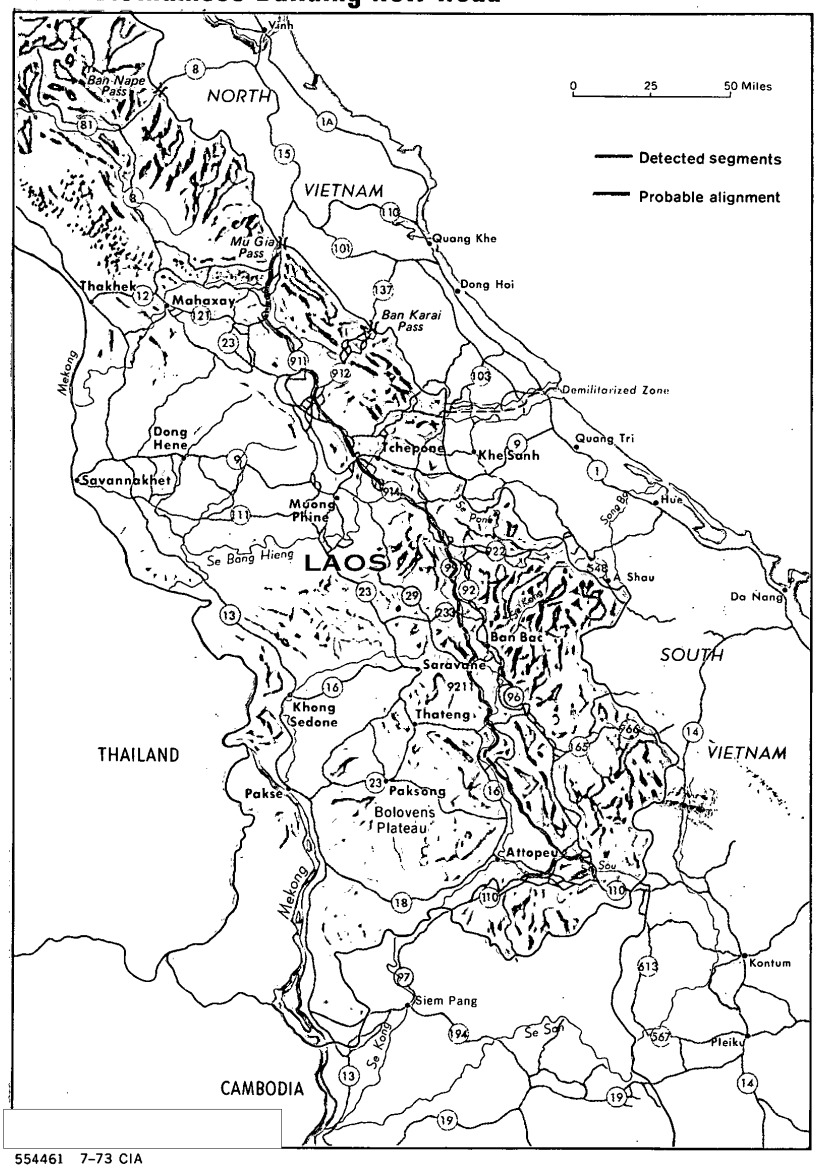
## North Vietnamese Building New Road

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## NORTH VIETNAM - LAOS

[redacted] North Vietnamese road crews in the past two months have built a total of 52 miles of segments of new roadbed in the Lao panhandle. 25X1

*The location and design of the segments suggest that they will be joined in a 300-mile highway from the Mu Gia and Ban Karai passes in the north to the Cambodian border. At the present pace, the work could be completed by next spring or earlier.*

*The two-lane road would be superior to any previously built by the North Vietnamese in the Lao panhandle and would improve Hanoi's capability to move supplies through Laos in all seasons. It should supplement a road of similar design and capacity which was recently built from the North Vietnamese border through Communist-controlled territory in the northern portion of South Vietnam.*





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## NOTES

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Czechoslovakia-Yugoslavia: Czechoslovak party leader Husak will visit Belgrade in October [redacted] The visit will underline the fact that the strained relations of the post-1968 period have finally been repaired. Previously the Yugoslavs put off Prague's requests for a summit by stating that the time was not right. Now that Polish party chief Gierek has gone to Belgrade and Janos Kadar will do so shortly, Tito apparently feels that he can receive the more orthodox Husak.

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Uruguay: The general strike called to protest President Bordaberry's dissolution of Congress last week seems to be weakening since the government disbanded the labor confederation. The opposition has had little success in arousing the generally apathetic Uruguayan public to demand Bordaberry's resignation and the election of an assembly to write a new constitution. The government last night decreed a near 30-percent national pay raise in an effort to mollify workers, but Bordaberry continues to have difficulties in forming a "council of state" to replace Congress.





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